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Before examination on the merits, please amend the above
application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Cancel the Abstract and replace with:

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A radioactive substance decontamination method and
apparatus which decontaminates a metal member contaminated by
radioactive substance in a short period of time. This
apparatus has (1) multiple reducing decontamination tanks
having different radiation control values; (2) a carrier for
immersing the metal member into the multiple reducing
decontamination tanks and a washing tank; (3) a tube for
transferring into the second reducing decontamination tank
the reducing decontamination agent in the first reducing
decontamination tank; (4) a reducing agent decomposer

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